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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 16, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the July 16, 2003 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the July 16, 2003 Final Office Action was originally due October 16, 2003. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time for responding. The fee for a one-month extension of time is FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed. Accordingly, a response is now due November 16, 2003. However, since November 16, 2003 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next business day, November 17, 2003, is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.